

Far East Consortium International Limited

Riding through the Storm, Property Sales offer the Silver Lining

While we expect challenges in FEC's hotel business will remain into FY21E amid COVID-19, the property development business will drive the company's earnings recovery. We believe the near term negatives are already factored into the deeply discounted valuations, and the stock currently offers an attractive 7.5% div yield. Maintain Buy.

COVID-19 negative impact priced in, property sales to lead recovery

Following the 36% YTD decline in share price, FEC is now trading at a deep 64% disc. to NAV and 6.0x FY21E P/E. We believe the deeply discounted valuations reflect that market has already factored in the earnings disappointment brought by the impact of COVID-19 and 2019 HK social unrest. Looking ahead, we believe FEC's overseas property development business will be the key driver for FY2021E-2023E earnings recovery. We expect property development revenues to grow at a 37% FY2020-2023E CAGR, driving our net profit to achieve a ~31% 3-year CAGR. We expect the Hotel business will take time to recover and FY2021E will remain challenging amid the travel restrictions still in place.

Core Net Profit declined 42% YoY amid HK social unrest and COVID-19 FEC's FY2020 core net profit came in 13% below our expectations at HK\$842m (down 42% YoY), amidst the impact from the HK social unrest and COVID-19 during the fiscal year. Revenues grew to a record high of HK\$7.4bn, up 9% YoY. GP Margins declined to 30.3% (FY19: 38.1%) amid a 26% YoY decline in Hotel revenues and lack of high-margin China project recognition during FY20. Net Debt to Equity (adjusted for Hotels revaluation) has risen slightly to 57% (FY19: 45%). DPS has seen a YoY decline to

Historical low global interest rates will support property dev sales

HK\$0.19/sh (FY19: HK\$0.22/sh).

FEC's property assets in UK and Australia are mostly prime located mixedused property development projects, which we believe will be a key beneficiary of the historical low interest rate environment. As seen with the strong recovery in equity and bond markets, we believe it reflects global investors' appetite for core assets. This can also be seen in the well-received launches of Queens Wharf Residences Brisbane (HK\$1bn pre-sales) and Aspen at Consort Place (HK\$604m pre-sales) during 1Q20 despite COVID-19. The developer has already achieved HK\$12.2bn of unrecognized presales, representing 194% of our FY2021E property development revenues.

In discussion to take a 70% stake in EH REIT Manager

As per company announcement, FEC are in discussion to take a 70% stake in EH REIT Manager, the manager of Eagle Hospitality REIT, which is listed on SGX with 18 US hospitality assets. The previously proposed REIT Spin-Off plan is currently slowed down and will be subject to the outcome of the discussions with EH REIT. Amid the ongoing impact from COVID-19, we believe FEC's hotel business will remain challenging into FY2021E and we estimate that revenues will only fully recover in FY2022E to pre-COVID-19 levels and achieve HK\$1.9bn in revenues.

Stock offering 7.5% div yield, at 6.0x FY21E P/E

We have lowered our FY21E-22E earnings forecast by 9-22% to factor in the challenges from the COVID-19 on hotel sector. As a result, our new SOTP NAV is at HK\$6.96/sh (Old: HK\$7.02/sh) and our latest TP of HK\$4.18/sh (Old: HK\$4.21/sh) is based on an unchanged 40% disc. to NAV.

Stock code: 0035.HK
Rating: Buy

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Price target (HK\$)	4.18
Previous Price Target (HK\$)	4.21
Current price (HK\$, 30 June 2020)	2.53
Upside/downside %	65%
Market cap (HK\$ m)	5,947
Market cap (US\$ m)	767
Avg daily turnover (US\$ m)	0.43

Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research

Key forecasts

(HKm)	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e
Revenue	7,451	8,900	13,525	16,157
yoy %	8.9%	19.5%	52.0%	19.5%
Gross Profit	2,259	2,648	4,532	5,778
yoy %	-13.4%	17.2%	71.1%	27.5%
Core Net Profit	842	1,003	1,451	1,894
yoy %	-42.2%	19.1%	44.7%	30.6%
Gross margin	30.3%	29.8%	33.5%	35.8%
Net gearing*	56.7%	60.1%	62.5%	55.0%
EPS	0.36	0.42	0.61	0.80
DPS	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.28
BPS	4.71	4.72	4.89	5.19

Source: Company data, AMTD Research *Hotel Portfolio Revalued to Market Value

Valuation

	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e
P/E	7.1	6.0	4.1	3.2
P/BV	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Div. yield	7.5%	8.7%	9.7%	11.1%
ROE	7.6%	9.0%	12.5%	15.4%
ROA	1.3%	2.0%	2.8%	3.6%

Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research

Share price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Financial Analysis

PnL, HKD mn	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021e	FY2022e	FY2023e	Balance Sheet, HKD mn	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021e	FY2022e	FY2023
Revenue	6,842	7,451	8,900	13,525	16,157	Investment Properties	5,426	7,243	9,411	11,465	11,46
COGS	(4,233)	(5,191)	(6,252)	(8,994)	(10,378)	Interest in JV/Asso	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Profit	2,610	2,259	2,648	4,532	5,778	PP&E and Others	13,693	14,492	14,194	13,975	13,26
						Non-current assets	19,119	21,735	23,605	25,440	24,732
Selling and marketing exp	(166)	(194)	(178)	(271)	(323)						
General and admin ex p	(827)	(851)	(1,021)	(1,634)	(2,125)	PUD & Held for Sale	12,451	11,950	11,146	11,159	11,170
Share of results of JV & Asso	18	(11)	-	-	-	Deposits and prepayments	468	379	379	379	379
Reval Gains from Inv Prop	-	-	-	-	-	Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,471	2,912	3,238	4,193	6,085
Others	1,045	103	300	300	300	Others	4,570	4,804	4,804	4,804	4,80
Net Finance costs	(368)	(468)	(562)	(675)	(809)	Current assets	19,959	20,045	19,567	20,535	22,43
Profit before tax	2,312	837	1,186	2,252	2,821						
						Total Assets	39,078	41,780	43,172	45,975	47,17
Income tax expense	(544)	(286)	(320)	(967)	(1,120)						
Net profit	1,769	551	866	1,285	1,701	Contract Liabilities	974	311	311	311	311
Shareholders' Profit	1,714	381	576	986	1,392	Bank and Other Borrowings	4,236	6,506	6,506	6,506	6,506
Minority Interest	55	77	85	93	103	Trade and Other Payables	1,532	1,265	1,518	1,821	2,185
Perpetual Securities Distributio	-	93	206	206	206	Others	357	852	852	852	852
Shareholders' Core Net Profit	1,457	842	1,003	1,451	1,894	Current liabilities	7,099	8,933	9,186	9,489	9,854
Core EPS - Basic (HKD)	0.64	0.36	0.42	0.61	0.80	Bank and Other Borrowings	17,112	16,954	17,954	19,954	19,95
DPS - basic (HKD)	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.28	Others	1,235	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579
21 0 20010 (111.2)	0.22	0.10	0.22	0.21	0.20	Non-current liabilities	18,347	18,533	19,533	21,533	21,533
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						Capital and reserves	13,413	11,119	11,173	11,579	12,308
						Shareholders' equity	13,413	11,119	11,173	11,579	12,308
						Non-controlling interests & Perp	219	3,195	3,280	3,373	3,476
						Total equity	13,632	14,314	14,453	14,952	15,784
						Total Liabilities and Equity	39,078	41,780	43,172	45,975	47,171
Cash Flow Statement, HKD m	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021e	FY2022e	FY2023e	V D-ti	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021e	FY2022e	FY2023
· ·	2,312	837		2,252	2,821	Key Ratios	38%	30%	30%	34%	369
Profit before income tax	2,312 2,113	837	1,186 1,186	2,252 2,252	2,821	GP Margins	36% 26%	30% 7%	10%	34% 10%	119
Operating CF before Working	2,113	031	1,100	2,232	2,021	Net Margins Core Attri Net Margins	21%	11%	11%	11%	129
PUD	(2,897)	501	804	(13)	(11)	ROE	11%	8%	9%	13%	159
Deposits & Prepayments	(2,097)	501	004	(13)	(11)	ROA	5%	1%	2%	3%	49
Trade & Other Payables	(231)	(267)	253	304	364	Net Debt / Total Equity	113%	125%	128%	131%	1129
Increase in contract liabilities	(546)	(664)	200	-	-	Net Debt to Equity (Perp as Debt)	113%	182%	185%	186%	1609
Others	(504)	(286)	(320)	(967)	(1,120)	Net Debt / Total Equity (Hotel Revalued)	45%	57%	60%	62%	559
Net Operating Cashflows	(1,630)	121	1.923	1.576	2.054	Total Assets / Total Equity	287%	292%	299%	307%	299
not operating examinent	(1,000)		.,020	.,0.0	2,00.	Total Assets / Shareholders' Equity	291%	376%	386%	397%	3839
Net Investing Cashflows	(2,567)	(3,288)	(2,075)	(2,041)	502	Total 7 Good 7 Charonoldolo Equity	20170	0.070	00070	00.70	000
Bank & Other Borrowings	11,931	2,112	1,000	2,000							
Others	(8,267)	2,390	(521)	(580)	(663)						
Net Financing Cashflows	3,664	4,501	479	1,420	(663)						
Net Cash Flows	(532)	1.335	326	955	1.893						

Source: Company Data, AMTD Research

FY20 Results

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FY20 Results (HK\$ '000)	FY20A	FY19A	YoY	FY20E	Diff
Property development Hotel	4,835 1,346	3,811 1,818	27% -26%	4,572 1,167	6% 15%
Car park	760	720	5%	720	5%
Property investment	66	64	3%	79	-16%
Gaming operations	271	259	5%	259	5%
Others	173	170	2%	130	33%
Total Revenue	7,451	6,842	9%	6,927	8%
Cost of sales and services	(4,742)	(3,836)	24%	(4,197)	13%
Depreciation and amortisation of hotel and car park assets	(449)	(397)	13%	(738)	-39%
Gross profit	2,259	2,610	-13%	1,992	13%
Other income	143	66	117%	-	NA
Other gains and losses	(16)	979	-102%	300	-105%
Administrative expenses	(851)	(827)	3%	(827)	3%
Pre-operating expenses	(28)	(2)	1691%	-	NA
Selling and marketing expenses	(194)	(166)	17%	(104)	86%
EBIT	1,314	2,660	-51%	1,361	-3%
Share of results of associates	(11)	18	-165%	-	NA
Share of results of joint ventures	3	2	36%	-	NA
Finance costs	(468)	(368)	27%	(350)	34%
Profit before tax	837	2,312	-64%	1,011	-17%
Income tax expense	(286)	(544)	-47%	(273)	5%
Profit for the year	551	1,769	-69%	738	-25%
Minority interest	87	55	57%	77	12%
Distribution to Perpetual Securities	99	-	NA	93	6%
Attributable net profit	366	1,714	-79%	568	-36%
Core net profit	842	1,457	-42%	972	-13%
Key Ratios					
Gross margin ex. Depreciation	36.4%	43.9%		39.4%	
Gross margin	30.3%	38.1%		28.8%	
Core Net Margins	11.3%	21.3%		14.0%	
	FY20A	1HFY20		FY20E	
Gearing ratio ex. Hotel revaluation gains (x)	161%	94%		135%	
Gearing ratio (x)	57%	44%		58%	
Total Assets to Total Equity	2.92	2.69		2.55	

Operational Data

	Projects under presales	Location	Cumulative	Expected attri.	Expected attri.	Expected	Cumulative presale
1	As at 31.3.2020 West Side Place(Towers 1 and 2)	Melbourne	presale(HK\$ mn) 4,286	SFA(sq.ft.) 1,078,000	GDV(HK\$ mn) 4,555	Completion FY2021	as % of GD\ 94%
2	West Side Place(Towers 3)	Melbourne	2,033	518,000	2,162	FY2023	94%
3	West Side Place(Towers 4)	Melbourne	2,149	621,000	2,571	FY2023	849
4	The Star Residences(Tower 1)	Gold Coast	378	98,000	430	FY2023	889
5	The Star Residences – Epsilon(Tower 2)	Gold Coast	269	109,000	501	FY2024	549
	Perth Hub	Perth	351	230,000	744	FY2022	479
7	Queen's Wharf Tower 4	Brisbane	1,007	253,000	1,406	FY2024	729
8	Artra	Singapore	366	9,000	459	FY2021	809
9	Cuscaden Reserve	Singapore	7	19,000	350	FY2023	29
	MeadowSide (Plots 2 and 3)	Manchester	389	220,000	885	FY2022	449
	MeadowSide (Plots 5)	Manchester	129	99,000	383	FY2021	349
	Hornsey Town Hall	London	198	108,000	906	FY2022	229
	Aspen at Consort Place	London	604	390,000	3,969	FY2024	159
	Dorsett Place Waterfront Subang	Subang Jaya	72	525,000	965	FY2024	89
	Subtotal(Total presale value)	3.,	12,238	4,277,000	20,286		609
			Expected presale	Expected attri.	Expected attri.	Expected	
	Other active development pipeline	Location	lauch	SFA(sq.ft.)	GDV(HK\$ mn)	Completion	
15	Bourke	Melbourne	FY2021	590,000	2,562	FY2025	
16	The Star Residences (Tower 3 to 5)	Gold Coast	Planning	374,000	1,591	Planning	
17	Queen's Wharf(Tower 5)	Brisbane	Planning	269,000	1,496	Planning	
18	Queen's Wharf(Tower 6)	Brisbane	Planning	269,000	1,496	Planning	
19	Holland Road	Singapore	FY2021	192,000	2,984	FY2023	
20	MeadowSide(Plot 4)	Manchester	Planning	238,000	1,062	Planning	
21	Northern Gateway-New Cross Central	Manchester	FY2021	62,000	241	FY2022	
22	Northern Gateway-Victoria Riverside	Manchester	FY2021	396,000	1,422	FY2024	
23	Northern Gateway-Network Rail	Manchester	Planning	1,532,000	5,498	Planning	
24	Northern Gateway-Others	Manchester	Planning	1,202,000	4,201	Planning	
25	Ensign House	London	Planning	253,000	2,360	Planning	
26	Shatin Heights	Hong Kong	FY2021	84,000	1,671	FY2021	
	Subtotal(Total pipeline)			5,461,000	26,584		
	Total(presale+pipeline)			9,738,000	46,870		
	Completed development available for sale	Location		Expected attri.	Expected attri.		
_				SFA(sq.ft.)	GDV(HK\$ mn)		
	King's Manor(Highrise)	Shanghai		3,000	9		
2	King's Manor(Townhouse)	Shanghai		41,000	243		
3	Royal Crest II(Townhouse)	Shanghai		51,000	310		
4	District 17A	Shanghai		18,000	94		
5	Royal Riverside(Towers 1, 2&4)	Guangzhou		35,000	121		
6	Royal Riverside(Towers 3)	Guangzhou		40,000	139		
7	Royal Riverside(Towers 5)	Guangzhou		162,000	574		
8	Marin Point	Hong Kong		71,000	744		
9	Manor Parc	Hong Kong		50,000	641		
	The Garrison	Hong Kong		1,000	31		
	Others-HK Projects	Hong Kong		1,000	36		
	Dorsett Bukit Bintang	Kuala Lumpur		28,000	125		
	21 Anderson Road	Singapore		86,000	1,061		
4	The Towers at Elizabeth Quay	Perth		98,000	647		
	Subtotal(Completed development)			685,000	4,775		
	Total (Pre-sales + Pipeline + Inventory) as at 31.3.2	000		10.423.000	51,645		

AMTD Research 4

Source: Company Data, AMTD Research

Figure 4: Hotel Operation Performance			
Dorsett Group	FY2020	FY2019	YoY Change
Hong Kong			
Occupancy rate	70.8%	95.3%	-24.5ppts
Average room rate(HK\$)	578	802	-27.9%
RevPAR(HK\$)	409	764	-46.5%
Malaysia			
Occupancy rate	65.6%	74.7%	-9.1ppts
Average room rate(MYR)	197	194	1.5%
RevPAR(MYR)	129	145	-11.0%
Mainland China			
Occupancy rate	55.7%	72.6%	-16.9ppts
Average room rate(RMB)	389	398	-2.3%
RevPAR(RMB)	217	289	-24.9%
Singapore			
Occupancy rate	76.0%	82.0%	-6.0ppts
Average room rate(SGD)	174	173	0.6%
RevPAR(SGD)	133	142	-6.3%
United Kingdown			
Occupancy rate	74.3%	82.3%	-8.0ppts
Average room rate(GBP)	129	118	9.3%
RevPAR(GBP)	96	97	-1.0%
Australia			
Occupancy rate	61.0%	NA	NA
Average room rate(AUD)	354	NA	NA
RevPAR(AUD)	216	NA	NA
Dorsett Group Total			
Occupancy rate	67.0%	82.4%	-17.2ppts
Average room rate(HK\$)	607	709	-14.4%
RevPAR(HK\$)	406	597	-32.0%
Revenue(HK\$ mn)	1,224	1,685	-27.3%
TWC Group	FY2020 11	months ended 31	3.2019
Occupancy rate	58.8%	57.1%	
Average room rate(HK\$)	634	600	5.7%
RevPAR(HK\$)	373	343	8.7%
Revenue(HK\$ mn)	121	133	-9.0%
Total Revenue From Hotel Operations	1,345	1,818	-26.0%
ource: Company Data, AMTD Research			

Liquidities		HK\$ mi
Liquidity position		6,067
Undrawn banking facilities- Corporate use		3,100
Undrawn banking facilities- Construction Development		2,900
Total Liquidities(excluding cashflow from presales)		12,067
Market value of assets as at 31.3.2020	Number	HK\$ m
Unencumbered hotel assets	7	4,161
Unsold residential inventory		4,775
Application of funds		HK\$ mi
Hotel development		1,187
Queen's Wharf Brisbane		424
The Star Residences		64
Land replenishment		655
Other capital commitments		111
Total		2,441

Valuation & Risks

Figure 6: What's Changed: We lower our Net Profit Forecasts by ~9-22% and NAV by~1%

(HKDm)	New	Old	Change
FY21E Net Profit	1,003	1,286	-22%
FY22E Net Profit	1,451	1,598	-9%
FY23E Net Profit	1,894	NA	NA
NAV	6.96	7.02	-1%
Target Price	4.18	4.21	-1%
Source: AMTD Research Estimates			

Figure 7: FEC SOTP Valuation

		NAV per	
HK\$ m	FY21 NAV sh	Key Assumption	
Property development	13,938	6.23	
Hotel	14,435	6.45	16x EV/EBITDA
Car parks	1,128	0.50	15x PE
Property investment	445	0.20	
The Star	606	0.27	Market value
TWC	400	0.18	10x EV/EBITDA
SOTP Valuation (FY21)	30,953	13.83	
Net debt	(15,373)	(6.87)	
Net Asset Value (FY21)	15,580	6.96	
Discount		40%	
Price target (FY21)		4.18	
Current share price (HK\$, 30 June 2020)		2.53	
Implied upside		65%	
Source: Company Data, AMTD Research Estimates			

Figure 8: Peer	s Valuation	comparison	(As of 30th	June 2020)

Date	30/6/2020	30/6/2020 Share Price		Mkt cap P/E				Div. yield		
Ticker	Name(EN)	(HK\$)	(USD mn)	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY20
HK Prop	erty Developers									
16 HK	SHK Properties	98.95	36,996	8.6x	8.2x	8.2x	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	5.2%
1113 HK	CK Asset	46.20	22,016	8.4x	7.2x	7.2x	0.5x	0.5x	0.4x	4.6%
12 HK	Henderson Land	29.40	18,365	9.1x	9.8x	8.8x	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	6.2%
17 HK	NWD*	35.21	12,103	11.0x	10.7x	8.9x	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	5.9%
83 HK	Sino Land	9.75	8,863	7.0x	7.7x	7.7x	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	6.3%
683 HK	Kerry Properties	20.00	3,758	7.0x	6.4x	5.7x	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	6.8%
35 HK	Far East*	2.53	767	7.1x	6.0x	4.1x	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	7.5%
Total/Ave	erage		102,868	8.3x	8.0x	7.2x	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	6.1%

Source: Bloomberg Estimates, *AMTD Research Estimates

Note: Apart from FEC, all other comparable companies' FY20 P/E, P/B and dividend yield are estimates (due to FEC adopting March year-end)

Key Risks

Key risks for the stock include (1) pro-longed economic impact by COVID-19, including travel restriction and lock-down measures; (2) unexpected tightening in monetary policy; (3) Slower than expected property sales in UK and Australia.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES	
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